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INDIA AS LARGEST PRODUCER OF FOOD ARTICLES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has been adjudged as largest producer of food articles in the world; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b): According to FAO`s Production Year Book,1999, India occupies the first,second and third position in terms of the production of total pulses, wheat & paddy and total cereals respectively in the world. The details in respect of important crops are given in the Annexure.

Annexure

India`s Position in World in Production of Food Items During 1999

Item	Production in million tonnes			India`s Position	
	India	World	% Share	Rank	Next to
1. Total Cereals	230	2064	11.1	Third	China, USA
1.1 Wheat	71	584	12.2	Second	China
1.2 Rice (Paddy)	131	596	22.0	Second	China
1.3 Coarse grains	28	884	3.2	Fourth	USA, China, Brazil
2. Total Pulses	16	59	27.1	First	
3. Rapeseed	6	43	14.0	Third	China, Canada
4. fruits & Vegetables					
4.1 Vegetables & Melon	59	629	9.4	Second	China
4.2 Fruits Excluding Melon	39	445	8.8	Second	China
4.3 Potato	23	294	7.8	Third	China, Russian Fed.
4.4 Onion (dry)	5	44	11.4	Second	China

5. Commercial Crops

5.1	Sugarcane	282	1275	22.1	Second Brazil
5.2	Tea	0.75	2.87	26.1	First
5.3	Coffee (Green)	0.27	6.48	4.2	Seventh Brazil, Colombia, Vietnam, Indonesia, Cote Divoire, Mexico
5.4	Tobacco (Leaves)	0.70	7.09	9.9	Second China

Source : FAO Production Year Book, 1999.